THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (f) According to the report submitted by the State Government, 73 persons belonging to both communities lost their lives and property was also destroyed in the communal riots which broke out on 20th May, 1991, particularly in Meerut, Kanpur, Bulandshahar, Varanasi and Allahabad as per details given below:

Name of the Distt.	No. of persons killed
Meerut	30
Kanpur	18
Bulandshahar . . .	11
Varanasi	10
Allahabad	4

Public Order being a State subject, it is for the State Government to take decisions regarding grant of ex-gratia to the kith and kin of the victims or the desirability of ordering a judicial enquiry.

Killings in Punjab

293. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of innocent persons and terrorists killed in Punjab during the last three years till date, year-wise; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to curb terrorism in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB):

Year	No. of persons killed by terrorists	No of terrorists killed
1989 . . .	1168*	699
1990 . .	2467*	1321
1991 (up to May) . . .	1107*	838

*Including policemen killed

(b) Security forces have been asked to intensify anti-terrorist measures including laying of Nakas and ambushes to deal effectively with the situation.

Processing of documents in respect of Indians who returned from Gulf

294. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the special steps taken by Government to ensure the speedy processing of documents and other technicalities, so that those who have come back to India after the break up of war in the Gulf region can safely and speedily return to their respective places of work?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): The special steps taken by the Government are:

(i) waiver of the recovery of the cost of repatriation in the case of Indian nationals repatriated from Kuwait and Iraq during the period from 2 August, 1990 to 14 March, 1991;

(ii) deletion of restrictive endorsements from passports of evacuees covered under para (i) above;

(iii) cancellation of bonds furnished by evacuees covered under para (i) above;

(iv) in cases of evacuees who returned to India on Emergency Certificates, Passport Officers in